



Hello Family and Friends,

We want to give another update. Our time in Diriamba is coming to a close and we soon will be preparing all our things to pack up and move back to Bluefields. Julianna and Deby are doing amazing. In the first month alone Julianna grew 8cm!!! I really have no idea of what an average amount of growth is but we are in awe of how she is growing and developing. Right now, Julianna is 7 weeks old and Deby is officially feeling recuperated. The healing process was much more difficult than Deby had anticipated but we are thankful for her health and full recovery.

The day Julianna was born just like for any parent is a day we will never forget. The chaos, excitement, adrenaline, and all the fun and crazy details of that day are memories we will always hold onto. One reflection that we had during our first night with Julianna is that you never know all that you can give until you have a child. I don't even know how many hours we had gone without sleeping. Between Deby feeding Julianna and I trying to help calm her and console her between feedings it was amazing to us to realize how much we were capable of giving and giving without stopping. During this time, I realized something about our Father God I had not really fully captured before. It suddenly made so much sense to me why it was such a common sense decision for Him to give all of Himself for us, His desired children. Deby and I had felt like with great joy and desire we were doing a pretty amazing job at giving of ourselves exhaustively but wow how much more the Father does for us His children.



Since Julianna has been born, we have been able to achieve me renewing my residency and also going to the Embassy of the United States and Registering Julianna as a US citizen. She just received her US birth certificate and passport in the mail too! We are praying that my residency will be ready before we go back to Bluefields but if not, I will just need to make a quick trip to Managua to get that.

We appreciate your prayers for Julianna's continued growth and development. At the end of July, we take her to the clinic to get her first round of vaccines. She was given one vaccine already right after birth and barely cried so hope she does alright this time as well. Pray for Julianna as we move back to Bluefields. Pray that the change of climate and transition isn't difficult for her and that she doesn't get sick. Please pray for our need to buy plane tickets to visit home in Minnesota this December also.

We are excited to come visit and see many of you back home in Minnesota! We do ask for your support and prayers though because at the moment we don't have the required finances to purchase the tickets. We are in need of between \$1,000-\$1,500 right now depending on prices of tickets. Because of the political crisis in Nicaragua there are less planes coming in and out of Nicaragua so tickets have become even more expensive the cheapest tickets we have found are around \$1,000 at the moment but sometimes even those tickets are like 15hr-20hr flights so really long layovers. Praying God provides good tickets for us so that the travel goes as smooth as possible especially for Julianna.



Thanks for all of your love and support!